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Applicant : Douglas D. Sjostrom  
Serial No. : 10/015,778  
Filed : December 17, 2001

Art Unit : 3731  
Examiner : Victor X Nguyen

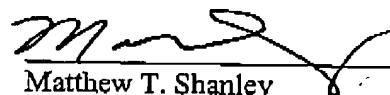
Title : Cutting Instrument

Commissioner for Patents  
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An Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form dated October 16, 2006 is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 16, 2006

  
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**Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form**

Application No. : 10/015,778      First Named Applicant: Douglas D. Sjostrom  
 Examiner: Victor X Nguyen Art unit: 3731      Status of Application: Published

**Tentative Participants:**(1) Matthew T. Shanley (47,074)(2) Examiner Ngyuen Tranh

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**Proposed Date of Interview:** October 18, 2006**Proposed Time:** 2:00 EST ( PM )**Type of Interview Requested:**(1)  Telephonic    (2)  Personal    (3)  Video ConferenceExhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated:  YES NO

if yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Issues To Be Discussed**

Issues Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Claim Rejections	25-43,45-59, 64-65, 70-77	Banko (3,732,858)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

 Continuation Sheet Attached**Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:**

Discuss applicability of Banko to independent claims, and clarify features in Banko applied by Examiner to recited features of independent claims.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

Registration Number, if applicable